

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate confirmed the nomination of Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S31–S61

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3151–3152, and S. Con. Res. 32. **Page S58**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 2714, to amend the America COMPETES Act to reauthorize the ARPA-E program. (S. Rept. No. 116–195)

Report to accompany S. 2556, to amend the Federal Power Act to provide energy cybersecurity investment incentives, to establish a grant and technical assistance program for cybersecurity investments. (S. Rept. No. 116–196)

Report to accompany S. 2657, to support innovation in advanced geothermal research and development. (S. Rept. No. 116–197)

Report to accompany S. 2799, to require the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of the Interior to establish a joint Nexus of Energy and Water Sustainability Office. (S. Rept. No. 116–198)

Report to accompany S. 2702, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an integrated energy systems research, development, and demonstration program. (S. Rept. No. 116–199) **Page S58**

Solomson Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Matthew H. Solomson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims. **Pages S42–53**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Matthew H. Solomson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Eleni Maria Roumel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims,

and Michael George DeSombre, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, Department of State, in the order listed; that if cloture is invoked on the nominations, all post-cloture time be expired at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S53**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Matthew H. Solomson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. **Page S60**

Ray Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Paul J. Ray, of Tennessee, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. **Page S53**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Michael George DeSombre, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, Department of State. **Page S53**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S53**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S53**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 88 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 2), Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration. **Pages S32–42, S61**

Executive Communications:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—2) Pages S41–42
Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:05 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S60.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 5540–5551; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 82; and H. Res. 776–778, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H12–13

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4329, to provide for disclosure of additional material information about public companies and establish a Sustainable Finance Advisory Committee, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–365);

H. Res. 779, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 535) to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (H. Rept. 116–366);

H.R. 4500, to direct the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information to take certain actions to enhance the representation of the United States and promote United States leadership in communications standards-setting bodies, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–367, Part 1);

H. Res. 575, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that all stakeholders in the deployment of 5G communications infrastructure should carefully consider and adhere to the recommenda-

tions of “The Prague Proposals”, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–368, Part 1); and

H.R. 2881, to require the President to develop a strategy to ensure the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure in the United States and to assist allies and strategic partners in maximizing the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems, infrastructure, and software, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–369, Part 1).

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Communication from Chairman—Democratic Caucus Resignation: The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Chairman of the Democratic Caucus stating that Representative Van Drew has resigned as a Member of the Democratic Caucus.

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Communication from Speaker—Committee Membership Vacated: The Speaker notified the House that Representative Van Drew's election to the Committee on Agriculture has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X effective today, January 7, 2020.

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Communication from Speaker—Committee Membership Vacated: The Speaker notified the House that Representative Van Drew's election to the Committee on Natural Resources has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X effective today, January 7, 2020.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Call of the House: The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (384 present, Roll No. 1). **Pages H3–4**

Committee to Notify the President of the Assembly of the House: The House agreed to H. Res. 776, authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee on the part of the House to notify the President that a quorum of the House has assembled, and that the House is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Representatives Hoyer and McCarthy to the committee. **Page H4**

Notifying the Senate That a Quorum of the House Has Assembled: The House agreed to H. Res. 777, authorizing the Clerk of the House to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business. **Page H4**

Meeting Hour: The House agreed to H. Res. 778, providing for the hour of meeting of the House. **Page H4**

Morning Hour Debate: Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of January 3, 2019, providing for Morning Hour Debate, be extended for the remainder of the 116th Congress, except that H. Res. 778 shall supplant H. Res. 10. **Page H4**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Hunter, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Fiftieth Congressional District of California, effective at close of business on January 13, 2020. **Page H5**

Senate Referral: S. 3076 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 1) developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H3–4.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PFAS ACTION ACT OF 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 535, the “PFAS Action Act of 2019”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a structured rule providing for consideration of the H.R. 535, the “PFAS Action Act of 2019”. The rule pro-

vides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–45, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in Part B the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Pallone, and Representatives Shimkus, Balderson, and Burgess.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the Nonpoint Source Management Program under the Clean Water Act, focusing on perspectives from states, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Scott Hardy, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, John F. Heil III, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, David Cleveland Joseph, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Cory T. Wilson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, and Edward Hulvey Meyers, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Legislation to Improve Ameri-

cans’ Health Care Coverage and Outcomes”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Americans at Risk: Manipulation and Deception in the Digital Age”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Interim Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3, 2019 through January 3, 2020

| | <i>Senate</i> | <i>House</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Days in session | 187 | 193 | .. |
| Time in session | 947 hrs., 46' | 787 hrs., 53' | .. |
| Congressional Record: | | | |
| Pages of proceedings | 7,247 | 12,308 | .. |
| Extensions of Remarks | .. | 1,650 | .. |
| Public bills enacted into law | 30 | 75 | 105 |
| Private bills enacted into law | .. | .. | .. |
| Bills in conference | .. | .. | .. |
| Measures passed, total | 506 | 632 | 1,138 |
| Senate bills | 106 | 31 | .. |
| House bills | 78 | 426 | .. |
| Senate joint resolutions | 24 | 5 | .. |
| House joint resolutions | 4 | 8 | .. |
| Senate concurrent resolutions | 14 | 5 | .. |
| House concurrent resolutions | 12 | 15 | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 268 | 142 | .. |
| Measures reported, total | * 338 | * 352 | 690 |
| Senate bills | 251 | .. | .. |
| House bills | 33 | 291 | .. |
| Senate joint resolutions | 1 | .. | .. |
| House joint resolutions | .. | 1 | .. |
| Senate concurrent resolutions | 4 | .. | .. |
| House concurrent resolutions | .. | 2 | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 49 | 58 | .. |
| Special reports | 24 | 10 | .. |
| Conference reports | 2 | 2 | .. |
| Measures pending on calendar | 278 | 97 | .. |
| Measures introduced, total | 3,703 | 6,467 | 10,170 |
| Bills | 3,148 | 5,529 | .. |
| Joint resolutions | 62 | 81 | .. |
| Concurrent resolutions | 31 | 82 | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 462 | 775 | .. |
| Quorum calls | 2 | 1 | .. |
| Yea-and-nay votes | 428 | 328 | .. |
| Recorded votes | .. | 372 | .. |
| Bills vetoed | 5 | 1 | .. |
| Vetoed overridden | .. | .. | .. |

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 189 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 364 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3, 2019 through January 3, 2020

| | |
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| Civilian nominees, totaling 540, disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 346 |
| Unconfirmed | 87 |
| Withdrawn | 21 |
| Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,626, disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 1,322 |
| Unconfirmed | 303 |
| Withdrawn | 1 |
| Air Force nominees, totaling 5,979, disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 5,977 |
| Unconfirmed | 2 |
| Army nominees, totaling 6,569, disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 6,557 |
| Unconfirmed | 12 |
| Navy nominees, totaling 4,616, disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 4,611 |
| Unconfirmed | 5 |
| Marine Corps nominees, totaling 1,432, disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 1,429 |
| Unconfirmed | 3 |
| <i>Summary</i> | |
| Total nominees carried over from the First Session | 0 |
| Total nominees received this Session | 20,762 |
| Total confirmed | 20,242 |
| Total unconfirmed | 93 |
| Total withdrawn | 22 |
| Total returned to the White House | 405 |

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Matthew H. Solomson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Matthew H. Solomson, Eleni Maria Roumel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Michael George DeSombre, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, Department of State, at 11 a.m. If cloture is invoked on the nominations, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations at 5 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 535—PFAS Action Act (Subject to a Rule).

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